

PICA Meeting June 19, 2021

In attendance: Anna LeBlanc, Casey O'Shea, Paula Law, Nancy MacDonald, Gretchen Maguire, Linda Schwitzer, Ashlynn Baird, Anne Chaldecott, Maryanne MacDonald, Susan Forsyth, Kay Langille, Al MacDonald, Jenn Langille, John Ross, Brenda Collins, Bonnie Rankin, Ed George, Aaron MacDonald, Sarah MacDonald, Rob Boudreau, Darlene and Ben?

Nancy calls the meeting to order.

She asks for the agenda to be accepted, Anna moves to accept, Kay seconds.

All in favour.

She asks for the minutes from the last meeting, October 10, 2020, to be accepted.

Anna Moves to accept, Maryanne seconds, all in favour.

1- **Student Jobs**- Both jobs have been fully funded.

Isaac MacDonald will be doing the mowing and maintenance job and Ashlynn Baird will be running the C@P site.

Nancy will supervise both jobs and should be contacted if you want a specific job added to their list.

Craig Smith's son would like to do some volunteer work in the community this summer, contact Craig for more information.

2- **Events**- All events were cancelled in 2020, PICA will approach this year's schedule cautiously.

Food Auction- August 7- it will be determined at a later date whether it will be virtual or live with modifications. Notices will be sent out regarding times and place.

Island Picnic at the John MacCallum Memorial Park- August 21- 1-4 PM
Bring a picnic lunch for yourself or to share.

AGM and BBQ- August 28 @ 4 PM, BBQ to follow

Work Party-

New Deck on the community centre- Rob and John will supervise with volunteer labour. Notices will be sent out with dates and times.

Cleaning of PICA- Job has been spoken for by Bonnie, Myrna and Anna.

Dance Hall- The front needs to be painted.- Job available- Contact Gretchen for paint.

Lighthouse- Door painting- job available. Contact Gretchen for paint.

- 3- **Pictou Antigonish Regional Library** - The library funding program will be providing PICA with 2 new computers and 4 iPads.

Discussion ensues about internet access on the Island and particularly at the community centre. Ed will contact the people who came to the island this spring to assess conditions for installing their network. He will also talk to the new owner of the property where the Seaside Highspeed tower is to see if conditions there will change with his ownership. Anna will contact True North Communications to see about adding the community centre to their network.

- 4- **Junk Runs**- July 17 and 31 Notices will be sent out with loading times and rules. Aaron will talk to Christa about a larger dumpster or more dumpsters in Caribou. Ed will arrange for recycling runs soon.

- 5-**Floating Dock Update**- DOT has approved funding for a floating dock and ramp at our wharf. Installation should be in early July after the traps have been landed.

- 6-**New Mail Plane operations** owners- There will be a meeting on July 7 @ 6PM to prepare for an information meeting with the new owners. This particularly applies to winter residents.

Financial Report- Anne gives a report- attached here.

Additional business-

- 1- **Vehicle Parking**- Anne says that permits will be handed out when the fees are paid. Jenn will make a list of vehicles ready to go off when others come on.

- 2- **Ferry**- Ed informs us that the ferry will be running from Caribou for the first few days of July, due to an extension of the fishing season. Notices will be sent out with reservations.

- 3- **Northside Road**- Kay speaks to the need for upgrades to the road, particularly for the new full time residences on the road. Jenn has contacted our MLA, DOT has replied. It is perhaps an issue of use. All of the Island road needs gravel. Gretchen will send out a list of people to write letters to if you would like to petition for road upgrades.

- 4- Nancy announces that some generous person has offered to donate and install playground equipment at the community centre. Anne says that the liability issues are insurmountable. Thank you for the offer, but we can not do that at this time.

Susan moves to adjourn, Anna seconds.

Next meeting July 10 @ 4 PM

Financial Report- May 31, 2021

Total Revenue. \$8,577.00

Total Expenses. \$7,954.00

Income for Year 20/21. \$623.00

Chequing Account. \$29,884

GIC \$22,716

Total Balance \$52,600